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TO AMEMBASSY ATHENS IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, GR, US

SUBJECT:PHASE II HOMEPORING

REF: ATHENS 5409

PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR FROM VEST

1. WE ARE IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH YOU REGARDING POLITICAL SENSITIVITY ON HOW PHASE II DECISION WILL BE PRESENTED TO CONGRESS AS WELL AS GOG. WE HAVE MADE THIS POINT TO DOD AND WILL BE PREPARING RATIONALE TO SUPPORT DECISION. WE EXPECT, ON BASIS OF OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH NAVY, THAT LEGITIMATE CASE CAN BE EFFECTIVELY MADE THAT DECISION PROMPTED EXCLUSIVELY BY TECHNICAL AND NOT POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS. IN ANY EVENT EMBASSY WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON WHAT WE PUT TOGETHER HERE.

2. ON ASSOCIATED POINT NAVY HAS ALSO INSTRUCTED ADMIRAL SHEAR TO DEFER HIS VISIT TO ATHENS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. PRESUMABLY SHEAR WILL BE COMMUNICATING THIS DECISION TO YOU BUT IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER PROBLEMS PLEASE ADVISE

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